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> **KEITH KRUCKAS SELECTBOARD MEMBER**

# Board wants to support businesses reopening

By Eileen Kennedy Staff writer

WARE - Selectmen agreed at their Tuesday meeting to draft a letter of support for businesses to reopen even if they are not essential businesses and send it to the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

SelectBoard member Tracy Opalinski said the MMA was asking for input from communities on how they want the reopening of businesses to unfold.

"Our businesses on Main Street need to reopen," she said. "I think we can be responsible, wear our masks, and decide whether we want to go out or not."

Gov. Charlie Baker has ordered everyone to wear masks while in public, including shopping, as of this past Wednesday.

SelectBoard member Keith Kruckas said last weekend Lowe's was packed. "If there can be thousands at Lowe's, I think someone should be able to go buy a pair of jeans at Nat Falk's."

Selectmen pointed out that Otto Florist was going to miss its biggest day of the year, Mother's Day, which is this Sunday. Beckley said the state has somewhat relaxed rules for florists, allowing them

"She should be able to be open to take orders," he said.

Selectmen also requested that present at their next meeting to give them an update on COVID-19 in Ware.

"There has not been very much information from her," said Kruckas. "Communication has been terrible at best. We said at the begin-

to take orders by phone or online. ning of this that we wanted regular updates about where we are."

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said speaks with her and received Health Director Judy Metcalf be an update every day. He also said he would draft a letter of support for businesses to reopen, which selectmen could be send to the MMA.

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### Water treatment plant costs rise

By Eileen Kennedy Staff writer

WARE - Selectmen discussed the new cost estimate for a proposed water treatment plant, which has risen to \$10.08 million from the \$6 million estimate created two years ago.

The water treatment plant, which was first proposed in 2015, would filter out the majority of the iron and manganese in the town's water system, which reacts with the chlorine in the system oxidizing the minerals, and making the water brown. It would be built at the Barnes Street pumping station.

Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney expressed frustration that the costs had gone up by 67 percent.

president with Wright-Pierce, the company providing the town with engineering and cost estimates for the project, said a redhot economy with record low unemployment have helped to drive costs up. He joined the meeting, which was held via Zoom, the videoconferencing application.

The proposed plant would use "Greensand technology," which would use sand in large filters to remove the majority of the iron and manganese from the system.

The updated cost estimate was created because the town plans to reapply to the USDA for a grant that could cover 40 percent of the cost, according remarks by Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel at a previous selectmen's meet-

If the town were successful in getting a 40 percent grant, it would leave the town's share at \$6.05 million, which is close to the original amount proposed.

The new cost estimate developed saw a doubling of "general conditions" and HVAC costs, and saw a \$1.25 million listed as a 15 percent profit and overhead, which wasn't accounted for in the original estimate.

Wright Pierce also provided an estimate for the annual costs of running the plant at \$331,750, which would be in addition to the annual cost of the town's water system, which was estimated at \$429,856. That would make a total of \$761,606 each year need-

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rolled by with students and teachers working together, but distantly, from each other online, Ware Middle School Katie DeMars began exploring ways to reconnect safely with students.

"At weekly meetings with teachers, we started talking about how to recognize our students, and parents, for their persever-

Ware Middle School Principal Katie DeMars ready with one of the 12 backpacks she distributed to students who were chosen by the teachers for their hard work and perserverance as they learn from home these days with virtual classes.

ful of students were selected as "stars," as well as some parents and 12 students and eight parents received surprise visits at their homes by DeMars.

The students received a backpack full of things they could use including crayons, colored pencils, erasers and paper as well as a handwritten note including remarks from their teachers and from DeMars.

The parents received Dunkin' Donuts gift cards so they can treat themselves or their families to something special.

"We knocked on their doors, stepped back observing social

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### **Town clerks** recommend early ballot applications

By Eileen Kennedy Staff writer

WARREN/WEST BROOK-FIELD - Due to COVID-19, the Annual Town Elections for West Brookfield and Warren have been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 16. Warren and West Warren precincts will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and West Brookfield's polls will be open from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

In an effort to keep residents safe, West Brookfield Town Clerk Sarah Allen and Warren Town Clerk Nancy Lowell are reaching out to both towns and recommending voters fill out the 2020 Municipal Election Early Ballot

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#### **RECREATIONAL REMINDERS**

### Fitness trail brings the gym outdoors

**By Paula Ouimette** Staff writer

GILBERTVILLE — The temporary closure of gyms and other fitness facilities has inspired many people to create their own

home gyms, or head to the outdoors. The village of Gilbertville has a unique outdoor fitness experience that gives people the best of both.

The Gilbertville Fitness Trail opened to the public in October of 2014. Through a partnership with East Quabbin Land Trust, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital and the Town of Hardwick's Conservation Commission, the trail was created to help improve the health and fitness of the com-

The trailhead is easy to locate, thanks to its brightly-colored blue and yellow gate, and large sign. The entrance is next to the New Furnace Landing, where there is a small parking area and gazebo overlooking the Ware River. Hardwick House of Pizza, 76 Main Street, is across the street.

The Gilbertville Fitness Trail follows the river before it connects to a half-mile section of rail trail, featuring 10 fitness stations.



Turley Publications staff photo by Paula Ouimette The Gilbertville Fitness Trail is clearly marked.

The fitness stations include: calf stretch, hamstring stretch, bent knee hang, sit-ups, leg raises, body raise, reverse pull-up, balance walk and more. Each station features signage describing the exercises recommended for that station, in addition to illustrations depicting the proper technique. The signs also have a "fitness index," showing the health benefits the exercises can provide. People of all ages and fitness abil-

these stations. The trail in itself is an enjoyable hike, even if you are not seeking an invigorating workout. The terrain is easy to moderate, with some rocks and wood-

ities can challenge themselves at

en footbridges to navigate. The edges of the trail are lined with trillium, violets and skunk cabbage. Not too far from the start of the trail, a beaver could be seen in the river carrying sticks to the opposite bank. At least five different bird varieties could be heard calling, including Eastern phoebes and Northern cardinals. Bald eagles and great blue herons are often seen flying over the river. At times, hand-painted "kindness rocks" can be found dotting the trail, adding an extra incentive for young hikers to keep going.

The Gilbertville Fitness trail provides a fun way to be active, enjoy the outdoors and connect with the community.



Turley Publications correspondent photo by Mandy Miller

#### STANDING READY

HARDWICK - The war monument in Gilbertville stands ready to honor those who lost their lives while serving in the United States military.

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#### Groceries

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#### Convenience/Liquor

Brusso's, West Main Street Jane Alden, West Street Ware Package Store, Main Street Cumberland Farms. West Street Brookside Mart, West Street

#### Meals,/Food Pick up

Children under 18 Ware Middle School, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kidstop, Pleasant St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors, Senior Center 967-9648, ext.501, weekdays 11:30 a.m.

Trinity Church, Jubilee Cupboard, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, diapers also available Food Bank distribution, Hillside, Third Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

#### **Home Services**

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#### **Pharmacies**

Wal-Mart, 9 a.m. Walgreens, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. CVS, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.





Al Albrecht was identified as the Grand Marshal of Ware's 1991 Memorial Day parade by Shervl Adamczyk.

If anyone recognizes any familiar faces in this week's photo please send your answer along with your full name to ekennedy@turley.

### Governor orders use of facial coverings

BOSTON - The Baker-Polito administration issued an order May 1 requiring the use of masks or facial coverings in public places where they cannot socially distance from others.

All residents over the age of 2-years-old will be required to use a facial covering or mask in public places where maintaining proper social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are not possible. This order went into effect May 6 and supersedes previously issued guidance relative to mask use.

The order applies to all workers and customers of businesses and other organizations that are currently open to the public and permitted to operate as essential businesses, such as grocery stores, pharmacies and other retail stores. Residents are also required to wear a mask or face covering at all times when using any means of transportation service or public mass transit.

Facial coverings include anything that covers one's nose and mouth, including a mask, scarf or bandana. Health care masks should not be used and should be preserved for health care workers and first responders. Cloth masks should not be worn by young children under the age of 2, persons with difficulty breathing or those who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

### A new market, deli in West Warren

Owner: Jeanna Stewart Business: Village Market & Deli Address: 2240 Main St., West Warren Phone: 413-436-5900

Can you share a little about yourself and your history?

My family is generationally settled in Ludlow. I attended the MacDuffie School, Regis College and Western New England College. I graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and criminal justice in 2001. I have been a social worker since the time of graduation working with children, the homeless and most recently, Elder Protective Services. I come from a family of hard workers who have long-standing business and have passed on their business aspirations to me. I currently live in Wilbraham, with my family and three bull mastiff dogs. I am an animal lover with a special fondness for cows and horses. I love to cook and share my recipes with everyone.

Why did you want to open this type of business?

I am a strong believer in community togetherness and always try to give back to the community where I see a need. I ran a food pantry for many years that serviced 200 people per week. I am well-educated and trained in community resources, such as Mass Health and SNAP. My grandfather and mother were customers many years ago and I heard many stories of the family feeling the store provided. The store had been closed for many years and I saw the opportunity to open the store and give back to the community that had been so warm and welcoming to my grandfather and mother over 60 years ago.

After being a social worker for so many years I saw this as an opportunity to make a change, and to provide a resource that was much needed in the community of West Warren. Do you have any specific goals or future plans?

I would like to open new businesses that will provide entertainment, economic growth and employment opportunity for the Warren community. I am in the



Turley Publications staff photo by Dan Flynn Jeanna Stewart, at her new business, Village Market & Deli, at 2240 Main St., in West Warren.

process of purchasing the building where the Village Market and Deli is located. I hope to renovate the building and provide safe and secure housing to those that are living in the building. I would like to be a contributing source to the community.

What does the business offer? I tried to make the store a "onestop-shop" where customers can purchase groceries, use the fax machine, an ATM and lottery at the same time. The store offers a wide selection of groceries and household items, a full deli, sandwich shop, daily lunch specials, lottery, notary public services, beer and wine, tobacco, coffee, donuts and breakfast sandwiches. What do you like best about what you do?

I love to hear the many different stories about the Village Market and how current customers remembered the store as a child. I love to be part of the West Warren community and to be accepted and welcomed into the community. I love to see the children's faces light up when they are able to buy their favorite candy or treats. I especially love to hear the positive feedback about the grinders from those that have purchased them. Any story within about the business since you have opened?

There are so many positive stories since I opened the doors but the most prevalent is an elderly customer that came into the store and stated that she had little food in her home and was unable to go to the larger stores as she did not drive. The customer stated that with the store being open she was able to get all of her groceries and was able to save time and money. The customer stated that she appreciated that the store was reopened as it allowed her to maintain her independence and complete her own shopping.

Do you have anything favorite items you prefer to make?

My most popular items are the steak and cheese grinders and grilled Ruebens. I love to make items that customers enjoy and continue to return to get the items.



Teresa's Restaurant on Route 32 is celebrating its 40th year in business this week, which has been a go-to location for family dinners and banquets.

### Teresa's turns 40 this week

**By Eileen Kennedy** Staff writer

WARE - Forty years ago this week a group of brothers set out to create the restaurant of their dreams, and they've wildly succeeded with Teresa's Restaurant on Route 32.

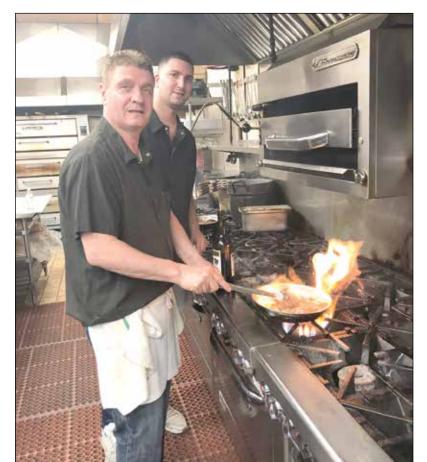
'We had the passion for cooking and we went with it," said Joseph Ferrentino, one of the founding brothers. They began offering Italian-American dishes, and have added to the menu ever since.

He said their parents, Alfonso and Teresa Ferrentino, taught the brothers hard work and a love of good food.

"We made the right choice when we chose Ware for our restaurant,' he said. "We love Ware, and we thank all the wonderful customers that have supported us through good times and bad."

They immigrated from Italy in 1972, and never looked back. After working in other Western Mass restaurants, the brothers decided to strike out on their own. Opened in 1980, the brothers have added to Teresa's menu over the years,

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Giuseppe Ferrentino, in front, and Claudio Ferrentino, rear, are preparing meals for take-out service this past Tuesday.

#### **BALLOT** from page 1

Application in order to have a ballot mailed to them.

pplication which explains that these can be returned in three different ways. The mailing address for West Brookfield is P.O. Box 766, West Brookfield, MA. 01585-0766, or it can be dropped in the blue box at Town Hall on the Cottage Street entrance side of the building.

The Warren applications can be returned via email to lowell@ warren-ma.gov, dropped off in the new drop box at the Shepard Municipal Building on High Street or tri-folded to P.O. Box 603, Warren, MA, 01083-0603.

The application can be picked up at the Warren Package Store, the Village Market and both post Please reference the back of the offices. It can also be downloaded at www.warren-ma.gov.

The application can also be found in this week's Quaboag Current and Ware River News newspapers, and can be filled out and mailed back.

The towns jointly vote on members for the Quaboag Regional School Committee. Voters in both towns vote for the top four combined candidates. This year two West Brookfield residents and two Warren residents are running for election and all four candidates will be elected

unless there is a successful writein campaign.

Tracy L. Waz, of 30 Milk St., West Brookfield, and James C. Wilson III, of 91 Birch Hill Road, Schwenker, of 1015 Reed St., Warren and Matthew J. Peloquin, of 453 Keys Road, Warren are running for the four seats. Waz, Wilson and Schwenker are running for re-election.

Anyone with questions should contact West Brookfield Town Clerk Sarah Allen at tclerk@ wbrookfield.com or sallen@ wbrookfield.com or by calling 508-867-1421, ext. 302 and Warren Town Clerk Nancy J. Lowell at 413-436-5701, ext. 3.

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**Town Clerk Sarah Allen** P.O. Box 766, West Brookfield, MA 01585-0766

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Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.

Find contact information for local election officials at <a href="www.sec.state.ma.us/ele">www.sec.state.ma.us/ele</a> or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

### viewpoints

ON THE GARDEN

### HISTORY MATTERS

### **Assessment** shows history deficit in nation's classrooms **looms large**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - What happened? Six years ago, the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress revealed an impressive improvement in knowledge about American history, among elementary and middle-school students, but now, the 2018 tests, released last week, reveal that the apparent gain has slid to 1994 levels.

The Nation's Report Card, as the assessment is known, shows that eighth graders' awareness of key data crashed; between 2014 and 2018 their scores fell four points, from 267 to 263, out of a maximum 500.

"Considering the fact that 2014's report seemed to offer hope, and the trajectory was rising, the four-point decrease was a surprise," according to education advocate, David Bruce Smith.

Coincidentally, too many children, typically in grades 4 through 12, are essentially illiterate; enough to be a cause for alarm; it might be part of the reason for the decline. In fact, the U.S. Department of Education says "19 percent of high school graduates are functionally illiterate, which means they can't read well enough to manage daily living and perform tasks required."

"There seems to be a correlation between historical proficiency, and an overthe-top illiteracy rate. You absorb history mostly by reading, but if you have been lost in the system, it's nearly impossible to learn the essentials about the past or the present."

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos issued a statement after NAEP's results were announced. As she put it: "America's antiquated approach to education is creating a generation of future leaders who will not have a foundational understanding of what makes this country exceptional. We cannot continue to excuse this problem away. Instead, we need to fundamentally rethink education in America. It is the only way our students will be able to lead our nation and the world.

"The results are stark and inexcusable. A quarter or more of America's eighth-graders are what NAEP defines as 'below basic' in U.S. history, civics and geography. In the real world, this means students don't know what the Lincoln-Douglas debates were about, nor can they discuss the significance of the Bill of Rights or point out basic locations on a map. And only 15 percent of them have a reasonable knowledge of U.S. history. All Americans should take a moment to think about the concerning implications for the future of our country, DeVos said.

Smith is co-founder of the Grateful American Book Prize, with the late Dr. Bruce Cole, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was created to restore enthusiasm about American history, for kids and adults.

"Our goal has been to entice students to learn about the events and people who have shaped the nation; the best way, outside of a really competent teacher, is to energize authors to think up--captivating fiction and non-fiction--that appeal to adolescents, and stimulates commitments from publishers," said Smith.



### Why I think of asparagus on Mother's Day

t was four years ago that I got asparagus sod from grassy areas and by making the nec-

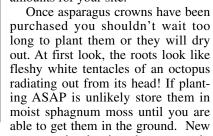
just how perfect a gift it was. Some women get jewelry and I get asparagus. Good thing my husband knows that I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Just yesterday we walked around the yard and remarked at the tiny spears popping up; it was honestly a very nice memory associated with a special day. In the event you are the lucky recipient of asparagus crowns this Sunday, or if you are simply in the market to install a bed of this vegetable, read on.

Once asparagus is planted it will return, season after season for many years, perhaps 20 or more. Keep this in mind when choosing the location of your asparagus patch... you may have to live with your decision a long time. Some gardeners prefer to prepare a site separate from the vegetable garden while others locate it within the main gardening space. Each has its pros and cons. With the later approach, the bed can be inspected during the entire growing season, not only when the plants are productive. If you take this approach keep in mind that the ferny foliage gets quite tall by summer, so site it in the northern most row of the garden so that it won't shade out other plants. By planting the asparagus in a separate location you can also better cater to the plants' unique needs.

In order to thrive, asparagus plants require full sun, fertile soil, a neutral pH, and a weedfree bed. If time allows prepare the site in the fall prior to spring planting by removing the

crowns for Mother's Day! When I think essary adjustments to the soil with the addi-Laugh on the inside thinking of tion of lime and balanced organic fertilizers.

A soil test will determine accurate amounts for your site.



advice recommends planting the crowns in trenches 8 to 10 inches deep. It is helpful to incorporate additional lime and bone meal thoroughly into the bottom of the planting furrow. Set plants on small mounds of soil 12 to 18 inches apart in the row and cover with 2 inches of soil. As the spears poke through this first layer of soil and begin to fern out, gradually fill in the trench with a mixture of soil and finished compost. It should take six weeks for the furrow to be completely filled in. Water regularly and topdress with fertilizer in August of the first year and every spring thereafter. A thick application of compost at this time will also enhance fertility, while liming annually will help keep the pH neutral.

New studies indicate that spears can be harvested for a week long period the year after planting. Simply cut with a sharp knife at the soil surface. The following year expand your harvest to four weeks; by year three a full harvest season of eight weeks is possible. After harvest let the foliage grow, once winter killed it can be cut back and removed from



the garden site in case it harbors insect eggs. Good hygiene and hand picking will reduce populations of the asparagus beetle and other culprits of the asparagus patch.

My husband lovingly broke his back helping me clear the sod and remove the stones, shall I say boulders, from the area destined to be the asparagus patch. Maybe by Sunday the spears will be tall enough to harvest, that would be neat, indeed. And what about this year's gift? Well along the same theme I have a project up my sleeve. A new picket fence

Here's wishing everyone out there a Happy Mother's Day!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@ turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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### In My BACKYARD

#### By Ellenor Downer

assachusetts Audubon Society reported two sandhill cranes in a field in

The sandhill crane is a heron-like bird that is about 45 inches long. It has a dark, red patch on its forehead. The feathers are gray with some rusty-colored ones on its back and wings. Preening its feathers with iron-laden mud possibly causes this.

Sandhill cranes form large flocks in winter and during migration. Courtship displays are often seen during migration and involve graceful leaps off the ground as if dancing. Sandhill cranes summer on prairies and tundra. In winter, they feed on agricultural fields.

#### West Brookfield birds

A West Brookfield resident said she had "yellow" goldfinches, bluebirds, cardinals, red-winged blackbirds, blue jays and lots of woodpeckers. She has a sanctuary in her backyard. She said she also saw a fisher cat under er window and it took one of her chickens She wanted to warn residents to keep their cats indoors due to the fisher cats. She also has a fox with kits.

#### Barre birds

A Barre couple took a walk and saw a flock of red-winged blackbirds at the swampy area on Gilbert Road not too far from the intersection of Gilbert and Phillipston Roads. She said, "They were beautiful. I had not seen a flock of them before."

#### Oakham resident

I received an email from an Oakham resident. She said, "I am enjoying the birds, by watching them and listening to them sing. On nice days, I have been opening my windows to let the fresh air in. Today my windows are closed, but I can hear still them sing in between the wind gusts. Wow, the winds really picked up at noon. I hope we make it through this storm without any power outages." She also said, "I am staying at home, not going anywhere. Being at home, I am also enjoying my springtime flowers. Over the past month, I got to watch them pop up out of the ground and now they are blooming. I have bold bright yellow with the daffodils and the forsythia, and tiny purple flowers here and there."

Ware resident

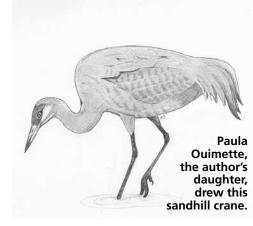
A Ware resident has been attracting birds



for 30-plus years at his home about a mile from Windsor Dam. He has open field, pine groves and deciduous trees around his house, as well as a brook. The different habitats attract many different bird varieties including: juncos, robins, chickadees, tufted titmice, goldfinch, grackles, hairy woodpeckers, red-breasted woodpeckers, downy woodpeckers, pileated woodpeckers, pine warblers, white-breasted nuthatch, phoebes, purple finches, chipping sparrows, house sparrows, brown creeper, cerulean warbler, bluebird, red-breasted nuthatch, hawks, turkeys and more. He has about 40 turkeys in his yard from October until about April, then they return to the woods.

#### Juncos and hummingbirds

The last day I saw a dark-eyed junco was Thursday, April 23. For over a week, I only saw one male dark-eyed junco. Now that the junco headed north, I will clean my nectar feeder and boil sugar and water for the ruby-throated hummingbirds. I mix a one to four sugar water mix and then boil it to make



sure all the sugar dissolves. Usually, I see hummingbirds around Mother's Day.

People may report a bird sighting or bird-related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

### Should my wife take Social Security at 62?

By Russell Gloor Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I have been advised by my financial planner to start my wife's social security benefits at the age of 62 (she is now 61). I am 65 and still employed, not on Medicare, and not taking Social Security benefits. My wife's benefits are much less than mine. I hope to wait until age 70 before starting my benefits. My income is currently \$160,000. Do you see this as a wise choice to start my wife's Social Security benefits at age 62? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: Whether your wife should start her benefits at age 62 depends upon whether her own benefit at age 70 would be more than she is entitled to as your spouse at her full retirement age (FRA). You can get these estimates from Social Security. If her own benefit would eventually be higher than her spousal benefit from you, she can wait to get her own higher benefit at age 70 (as you

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are). But if her benefit as your spouse will be the highest she can attain, then claiming her own benefit before you claim yours could be a good choice, but there are some things to consider if she does that:

First, if your wife claims at age 62 (or any age before her FRA), that will mean that her eventual spousal benefit when she claims it (when you claim your Social Security) will be less than 50 percent of the benefit you are entitled to at your full retirement age. Taking her own benefit earlier than her FRA will mean her spousal benefit from you will be reduced to less than half of your FRA benefit amount, even if that spousal benefit starts after she has reached her FRA.

Second, if your wife is still working, by claiming her own benefit before her FRA she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money she can make without Social Security taking back some of her benefits. For 2020, the annual earnings limit is \$18,240 (changes annually) and Social Security will take back benefits equal to half of any earnings which exceed that amount. The earnings limit becomes less severe during the year your wife reaches her FRA and goes away entirely after she reaches her FRA, but if she works while collecting early benefits the earnings limit could affect

Third, your wife's Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income (assuming you file "married-jointly). Taxation of your wife's Social Security benefits will be determined based upon your combined income if you file your taxes as a married couple. At your combined earnings level, up to 85 percent of your wife's SS benefits will become part of your taxable income.

I'm not suggesting you not follow your financial planner's advice; I only want to make sure you're aware of all the factors involved when benefits are claimed early. Sometimes, a wife claiming at age 62 is a prudent choice as your financial planner has suggested. But sometimes understanding the above factors may lead to a different strategy.

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### Fitness Trail



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette A nice view of the Ware River is available when walking the Gilbertville Fitness Trail.



A view of the gazebo at the New Furnace Landing park from the vantage of the Gilbertville Fitness Trail.



The New Furnace Landing park offers a small parking lot, a place to put in canoes or kayaks and a gazebo from which to watch the Ware River.



Red trillium are among the plants to be seen along



Penny, Quinn and Sadie Ouimette work at their



A concrete ring along the fitness trail.



Quinn Ouimette tries out one of the many exercises along the trail.

### Second Chance volunteer fosters making best of stay-at-home

#### Families help care for newborn kittens

EAST BROOKFIELD -Some very lucky families have found a great way to spend their time during the current stay-athome advisory – helping to care for newborn kittens for Second Chance Animal Services. Right now, Second Chance has four litters of kittens in their care and they are grateful to their volunteer fosters who are providing round the clock care for these helpless babies.

Fosters follow many of the steps of the lifesaving kitten protocol which was developed by Second Chance to help save the lives of prematurely born kittens, including weighing the kittens twice a day to ensure they are receiving the proper amount of nutrition. The protocol was pub-

lished last year to help increase others to saying goodbye to the the odds of survival for premature kittens through animal welfare organizations across the

Second Chance has so many kittens in foster right now that they dedicated their weekly Wish List Wednesday Facebook post to the kittens in hopes of receiving more kitchen scales to help fosters track each kitten's weight. Second Chance shared a video of a foster kitten nicknamed Mitten being brushed with a toothbrush. The toothbrush feels like a mother's tongue for the kitten.

Mitten and his sibling are getting extra attention from the whole family. Five-year-old Lila asks her mom to bring home foster kittens and likes to help feed and bathe them daily. Her mom says fostering provides important life lessons, from caring for

kittens when it's time for them to go back to Second Chance so they can find forever homes. Lila's 2-year-old brother Callen is doing his part, cuddling with the kittens to provide socialization under the close supervision of mom's watchful eye.

When the kittens are old enough, they will return to Second Chance where vets will clear them for adoption after they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated. The next stop is the adoption center in East Brookfield where they will be available for adoption.

Second Chance is currently working to process all the foster applications that have been submitted by animal lovers looking for a way to help during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information becoming a foster, visit secondchanceanimals.org.



Lila, 5, helps with foster kitten Cheebee. Her family has taken in some kittens from Second Chance and is fostering them. They will go back to shelter when they are old enough for adoption.

# 3 Sunshine and flipflops.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Mother's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = 0)

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Clue: Colorful blooms

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Mother's Day.

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### Guess Who?

I am an R&B singer born in Michigan on May 13, 1950. At a young age, I suffered an illness that led to blindness. That didn't stop me from signing with Motown Records at age 11. I have recorded more than thirty top 10 hits during my career.

Answer: Stevie Wonder

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answers for the week of 4/27

#### Just use a little caution when choosing which projects to take on. GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 It may be challenging to get to the heart

of the matter between friends, Gemini. As hard as you try, solving this will take time. Be patient and consider any and all information.

horoscopes

Confusion may come into the equation this

week, Aries. In an effort to make sense of

the situation, you seek the advice of others.

Don't try to be in control; relax and let it

You are on call for the next several days,

Taurus. You are ready to spring into action.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

run its course.

#### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, enjoy a week in which you indulge in some of your favorite pastimes that have been on the back burner for awhile. Now is the perfect time to have a little fun and let loose.

#### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You may be concerned with some people in your immediate circle, Leo. If you suspect something is amiss, team up with a spiritual leader or another helper.

#### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, this week is full of action and you may not be able to settle in to relax until later in the week. Take a step back and find some time to relax when a break arrives.

#### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You probably will have to roll with the punches at least one or two days this week, Libra. Don't take things too seriously, even when the rumor mill is in full force.

#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Make sure your head is entirely in the game before you jump into action, Scorpio. Part of the problem is trying to juggle too many things at once and getting distracted.

#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, the more information that comes your way this week, the more confusing things may seem. You can ask someone to help filter extraneous messages first.

#### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your fantasy world may mesh with your real world activities this week. You may experience some difficulty figuring out what is real and what isn't, but enjoy.

#### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, things may not feel like they are in place lately. You may be tempted to turn off your brain and retreat into a fantasy land. Don't avoid the situation.

#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You may embrace physical vitality this week, and go with that, Pisces. Maybe switch up your workout to incorporate something new.

ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT

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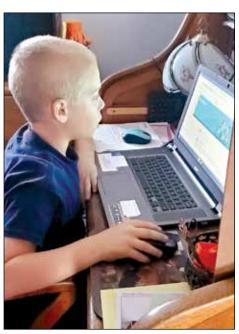
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Lucas, a fourth-grader, works diligently



math problems with a lot of love.



Kindergartener Lilliana works on her Andrew, a fifth-grader, is busy with a





Olivia, a second-grader, created this art First-grader Nikolas reads some books to keep those readings skills up.

### St. Aloysius students and teachers remain connected



Turley Publications courtesy photos The screen of a Zoom classroom during a St. Aloysius Catholic School virtual class, which students and teachers use to remain connected and learning.

GILBERTVILLE - As the COVID-19 pandemic led to closures of schools, it certainly hasn't stopped St. Aloysius Catholic School's teachers and students from connecting although it must be from

"St. Aloysius Catholic School students have been getting a great education despite the closure," said Roberta McQuaid, director of the school. "I am so proud of our teachers. They didn't miss a beat! While the school building may be closed, school is definitely in session."

When it was announced on March 13 that school would be closed, our teachers got right to work, and by that Monday were on site, ready to hand out work packets to all students in kindergarten through grade eight. Students in grade four to eight were also able to bring home a Chromebook or laptop as well.

"When Gov. Baker announced that the closure would be extended past the initial three weeks, we ramped up to make sure that students in kindergarten through grade three also had a device to use at home," said McQuaid. Presently, students in second and third grade receive all their classwork through Google Classroom. Mrs. Knight, the



Teacher Jessica Grubert conducts a virtual class.

classroom teacher for this age group, has also been keeping in touch with parents by phone. Kindergarten and first-grade students meet with their teachers three times a week and have been receiving new work packets every few weeks. A "return work" bin is conveniently located at

school. In Friday's story hour, many times the pets of teachers Jessica Grubert and Carrie Abreu have made guest appearances. Reading to the puppies has been quite popular.

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### **NECBL** cancels 2020 season

The Valley Blue Sox play their home games in Holyoke

NORTH ADAMS – The New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) has announced that its board of directors, comprised of executives from its 13 member teams and officers, have voted to cancel the 2020 summer collegiate baseball season.

This decision was reached after a careful and thoughtful review of the guidance from federal, state and local officials, the leadership of our host communities, and recommendations from the CDC and medical community. The conclusion was that canceling the 2020 season was necessary for the health, safety and well-being of our players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, fans and host families.

We understand that this decision will result in hardship and disappointment to our student-athletes who have already lost their college spring baseball season. For this reason, it breaks our hearts and runs counter to our competitive instincts and spirit. However, our first priority and obligation must always be the health and well-being of our players and our community. We promise to use this time out, and all of our resources, to make our 2021 season something truly special for our players, coaches and fans.

We are part of the communities that host our member teams. We encourage our teams, as organizations, individually and working with their volunteers, to support community first responders and their local business sponsors, many of whom are restaurants that are going through difficult financial times. To show our appreciation to our host communities and supporters, we will dedicate Opening Day 2021 in each of our venues to thank, honor and support community organizations and first responders who serve on the front lines of combating COVID-19.

The New England Collegiate Baseball League is a wooden bat college summer league that fields teams in all six New England states. Partially funded by Major League Baseball, the NECBL started play in 1994 and enjoyed its 25th-year anniversary season last summer. The New England League has sent over 150 alumni to the Major Leagues and has had nearly 100 alumni drafted in each of the last 10 Major League Baseball Drafts.

The Valley Blue Sox are the main local team to Western Massachusetts in the NECBL. The Blue Sox have won two league championship in 2017 and 2018, and were in the semifinal round in 2019.

### Senior athletes to be highlighted in coming weeks

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the next several weeks, the sports section will have stories and photos about the various spring sports teams that were never even able to have a practice, and eventually saw their full season cancelled.

We will be talking with spring coaches and athletic directors, but would also love to hear from senior players about their feelings about the spring season being cancelled.

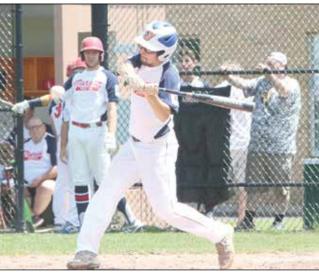
We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley. com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.





College baseball will not be played in the area as the NECBL cancelled its season. The Valley Blue Sox are



American Legion baseball is also in danger of being can-



Recreational leagues like the Valley Wheel Baseball League and the Quabbin Valley League are all on hold waiting to see if Massachusetts "re-opens."

#### Following the closure of spring sports, many summer leagues are being forced to do the same

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

REGION - In just a short period of time, the landscape of even summer sports has now changed with a number of baseball leagues cancelling play and others postponed indefinitely while the leagues wait out the "surge."

But in the case of some very talented athletes, the 2020 baseball season has been completely shuttered.

First, it was the postponement of Major League Baseball along with the complete cancellation of spring sports for the collegiate level. Now, two of the most prominent college leagues have cancelled their seasons for the summer, citing the risks involved for the league as a whole.

The Cape Cod Baseball League and the New England Collegiate Baseball League have cancelled their 2020 campaigns, which were set to start in June. The cancellation leaves no opportunities for teams to play at all in the 2020 season. The summer leagues, like college season were often an additional place for star athletes to get exposure, play against some of the best competition in the country, and receive additional looks for scouts from the major leagues.

The cancellation of baseball has also filtered down to the high school and youth levels as well.

With parks and recreation activities shut down, baseball and softball is shut down at the youth level. Spring sports were cancelled last week at the high school level, and even recreational softball leagues have been completely shut down. There are still some leagues that are hopeful.

Like high school athletic directors, many recreational leagues have begun making shortened schedules or modified schedules that would accommodate play once fields are opened up.

However, as the surge remains present in Massachusetts, it is hard to forecast when play in many leagues will open up.

The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is open to holding a modified schedule if needed, but it is also still holding out hope to holding its regular season as scheduled. The season typically starts in the third week of June.

Depending on how the re-opening plan is phased, there is still a possibility of that, or a better possibility of the season going deeper into the summer.

One league that teenagers were hopeful would not be cancelled is American Legion baseball. However, that may be

the case after the chairman of District 3 recommended the season be cancelled. Most area teams, such as Agawam, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Aldenville, and Monson play in District 3. There are also several Junior Legion teams in the area, with Holyoke set to rejoin the ranks.

The American Legion had cancelled its regional and national tournaments, but there was hope its regular season would take place in areas that were deemed safe from major coronavirus outbreaks. The national tournament was set to take place late in the summer in North Carolina.

The stay-at-home advisory along with the non-essential business closure remains in effect through May 18. It is not known if the order will be lifted, but a re-opening plan is supposed to be submitted by a committee on that date.

### **Claremont Speedway event cancelled**

REGION - Tri Track Open erings to occur for the race event. Modified Series officials announced on Saturday, in collaboration with Claremont Speedway, that the event originally scheduled for May 24 will not happen as scheduled. New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu released new guidance for the state on Friday that will not allow gath-

The Tri Track Open Modified Series continues to keep the safety of our race teams, drivers, staff and fans in mind with decisions. We will provide additional guidance around the 2020 schedule once it is available. Our intention is to hit the track for action this season.'

### Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The

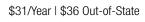
league is hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to https:// www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/. The league is also in Facebook.



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## Tourism takes a hit during pandemic

**Business leaders** answer questions during Facebook Q&A

> By Tyler S. Witkop Staff Writer

cross the country, businesses of all sizes are taking a hit as a result of restrictions to help limit the spread of infections caused by the novel coronavirus. Here in Western Massachusetts, among the hardest hit sectors is that of Tourism, Hospitality and Arts and Culture.

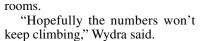
To help spread the message and to encourage future business, two local leaders joined state Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) of the first Hampden and Hampshire District, Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, for a Facebook Live Q&A session Friday, May 1. Joining Lesser were Mary Kay Wydra, president of the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, and John Doleva, president and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Every family and small business has felt pain from this crisis, but we know one sector that has been particularly hard hit is our vital tourism and hospitality industry, which is the third largest source of employment for Massachusetts families," Lesser said. "We must all work together to keep families safe, stop the spread of this virus, and ensure our economy recovers."

According to Wydra, tourism and hospitality has been "hard hit" by state and local orders closing non-essential business, limiting gatherings to 10 or fewer people and keeping six feet of seapration between others. She said since Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker issued his stay-at-home adviso-

Massachusetts, which represent the shutdown.

business and trade conventions at places like the MassMutual Center in Springfield and the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. That equates to roughly \$49 million in lost revenue to the local economy coming from sources including food and retail ven- Sen. Eric Lesser dors and booked hotel



#### **Trickle Effect**

But more than just individual businesses struggling, Wydra said the shutdown also hampers state and municipal revenues through sales, meal and occupancy taxes.

Doleva, of Wilbraham, said he and the staff at the Hall of Fame were looking forward to re-opening the Hall in mid-June, which had been closed starting Feb. 5 to complete a multi-million dollar renovation project. They were also looking forward to hosting some of the world's greatest basketball personalities for the annual enshrinement ceremony, which was set to celebrate the late Kobe Bryant, who was killed with his daughter and seven others in a helicopter crash in January, and who was inducted into the Hall in his first year of eli-

"We get 60 percent of our visitation from Memorial Day to Labor Day," Doleva said, noting the shutdown will have a "significant effect" on the Hall. "People have a thirst for sports and doing things that aren't necessarily crowds."

He said with the Hall of Fame, trade shows and other leisure activities closed or canceled for the immediate future, the impact has and will trickle into other businesses. Without assistance, he estimates

ry in March, there have been 118 as much as 40 percent of local pieces of lost business in Western restaurants may not recover from

> "This was a thriving sector," Lesser said, noting the impact was sudden and immediate. "This was speeding along the highay and slamming on the brakes."

#### 'Pent-Up Demand' Wydra said that some

are projecting the economic hit to the trav-

el and tourism sector could be as high as nine to 11 times worse than that experienced in the aftermath of 9/11. In Western Mass., she said the busiest months are May, August and September. At least for now, scheduled events have already been canceled into August.

"We are anticipating pent-up demand," Wydra said, expressing her hope that once businesses are allowed to re-open, spending will resume.

GSCVB, Wydra said, is approaching the recovery in three phases: Inspire, Inquire and Explore. They are currently in the Inspire phase, where the organization is trying to get people to think about Western Mass and the varied attractions in Downtown Springfield as well the outdoor recreation opportunities up and down the Pioneer Valley. With May 3-9 being National Tourism Week, she said the organization has created postcards promoting the region and are in the process of developing a video. The marketing and promotional materials will promote Western Mass. in the New York and Boston markets, which compete with the Pioneer Valley for tourism

With the Inquire phase, she said they anticipate folks will begin to travel and spend their dollars close to home, and ultimately, get out

and explore the region once more. Doleva said one way folks can help the local economy is through booking events in the region, looking at the fall and next summer when life is likely to normalize. Wydra said individuals can try to help businesses at the cash register, utilizing the limited services available, as "everyone has bills to pay."

#### **Opportunity**

Lesser told Turley Publications that the closures are designed to help prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, but all government officials must work to ensure necessary aid reaches the people most in need.

"We need to avoid temporary closures from becoming permanent," he said. "I know how urgent this is and we are doing everything we possibly can."

Lesser said his focus has been on helping communities and businesses get the resources they need to get through. A challenge, he noted, is that there are parallel crises - health and economic - and there is a need to address both at the state level. While there is a "deep and very severe recession," he said he and his colleagues are working together to ensure communities and businesses receive the resources they need to rebuild on

"We're going to work together and we're going to overcome," Lesser said. "This is a moment of great test and consequence to our whole world.'

During the live stream session, Doleva said the shutdown poses an opportunity for the region and state to respond together and rebuild.

"I think this is an opportunity to show your colleagues and demonstrate to all the citizens of the State how important hospitality and tourism is because it has a lot of jobs, it drives a lot of tax revenue, "he said. "This is a real time as we come out of this that we can elevate the respect of the hospitality and tourism industry."

### Ware Remembers 2020 will be on public access

#### Non-public ceremony this year

WARE - Now in its 10th year of partnership with the Ware Veterans Council, the Ware Historical Society will continue to honor loved ones with a field of flags on the Ware Center Meeting House green. Eagle Scouts under the guidance of Scoutmaster Dan Flynn of Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 will once again place rows of flags paying homage to persons living or deceased, residents of Ware or non-residents, military or

With quarantine and other safety precautions in effect this season's ceremony will be a non-public event. A televised viewing including reading of the roll call will appear on Ware Community Television on Sunday, May 24, at 6 p.m., and run periodically thereafter.

A donation of \$5 per one form, one name per form includes placement of our American Flag on the green and honoree inclusion in the reading of the roll call. Anonymous donors are welcome. Please include a phone number in case pronunciation is needed. Multiple forms with donation may be completed for submission.

Forms with envelopes are available on the bulletin board at Ware Post Office lobby, at the Ware River News office at 80 Main St., or people may call Cindi at 413-967-3887. E-mail requests with listing of honoree names can be sent to C5d6l34@ verizon.net. Please mail or deliver payment for same.

Completed forms with donations must be received by a deadline of Wednesday, May 20. There can be no exceptions. All checks can be made payable to Ware Historical Society. Please mail to Ware Remembers-2020, P. O. Box 351, Ware, MA, 01082 or drop off at 294 Belchertown Road, Ware.

All questions can be addressed to Polli at 413-967-6882.

### Drivers urged to slow down

BOSTON Massachusetts Department of Transportation is reporting that the rate of fatalities on Massachusetts roadways doubled in April. Although 50 percent less traffic was recorded on major highways, 28 individuals died in crashes, compared with the month of April 2019, when there were 27 deaths on roadways in the state. The high fatality rate last month, underscores the importance of not exceeding the posted speed limit, wearing a seat belt, driving sober and obeying the hands-free law.

'Our traffic and safety engineers continuously monitor roadways across the commonwealth and have identified a dangerous trend that has led to the doubling of the vehicular fatality rate in Massachusetts for the month of April,"said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver."During the pandemic, everyone in the commonwealth has sacrificed and used disciplined actions to keep themselves, their loved ones and our community safe. We ask that all residents use this same dedication to safety and reduce their speeds when driving."

"Reduced traffic volume is no excuse for excessive speed,' said Jeff Larason, director of

 T h e highway safety for the Executive Office of Safety and Security. "We're reminding everyone to drive responsibly, wear a seat belt, and watch the road for cyclists and pedestrians."

Motor vehicle deaths occurred state-wide in April, including three deaths in a 24-hour-period on April 18 and April 19: in Richmond, on Route 41 southbound, in Hopkinton, on I-495 southbound, and in Seekonk, on I-195 eastbound. The most recent road fatality reported to MassDOT was on Saturday, May 2, occurring in Andover on I-93 near exit 42.

The commonwealth has several initiatives which seek to improve road safety, including:

·The Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan, crafted by a diverse cross section of government agencies, advocates, and other stakeholders which contains specific strategies, direct actions and legislative proposals to get Massachusetts closer towards zero deaths and to an interim goal of a 12 percent drop in five-year average fatalities and a 21 percent drop in five-year average serious injuries.

·The 2019 Massachusetts Pedestrian Transportation Plan

Please see **DRIVERS**, page 9

### Ware residents need to respond in order to be counted

WARE - Ware residents are committed to responding to the U.S. Census Bureau according to Town Clerk Nancy J. Talbot.

Over the last few weeks the percentage of respondents has increased according to the reports received from the US Census Bureau. The report sent for the week ending April 14, showed a nity for transportation, roads and percentage of responses of 50.8 bridges and schools and nutrition percent and the report for the period ending April 21, showed a 53.3 percent response from residents of Ware.

By comparison however to residents of Hampshire County who had responded as of April 21, there is a differential of -7.2 percent, which is of concern of course.

Why is there concern and why is it important to respond as soon as you can? Because there is a lot at stake. Funding for our commuis based on the amount of people residing in a community. More importantly our representation in Washington is based on popula-

tion in Massachusetts. Predictions currently are that the population in Massachusetts and the Northeast in general is decreasing, and this is of great concern to all of us.

For those Ware residents have not yet responded online or by simply calling the telephone number provided on the postcard please do so as soon as possible. There will be an additional mailing to all households who do not respond to the initial request as a second opportunity to be counted.

It simply takes a minute or two

to go online, or pick up the phone and answer but a few questions about the household and its residents. There are no invasive or confidential issues for which you need to provide answers to.

It is very important that the town reach 100 percent response as residents deserve not only to have their voices heard by representation in Washington by legislators, but also to receive funds for road repairs, schools and other social programs that are available to every citizen of the United States.

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#### **CLUES ACROSS** 1. Expression of

- sorrow or pity 5. Not bad
- 11. NYC Mayor 14. Essays

21. One-time

- 15. Walk lightly 18. Those who utilize 19. Actress Judd
- community of nations 23. Norwegian river
- 24. Unconscious states 28. Make muddy 29. Unit of volume
- 30. Consciousnesses 32. Envision 33. When you aim to get there 35. Electronic data
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 44. Ecological stage 46. Wings 49. Laid back
- 58. Famed Falls 60. Reiterations 62. Eras 63. Track event
- **CLUES DOWN** 2. Instead
- processing 36. Passports are some 41. Military flyers (abbr.)
- 42. Popular computers 52. Princess's headgear
- 56. Musical composition 13. Further
  - 1. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.) 3. Gifts for the poor
- 4. A type of gin 5. Torments 6. One point south of due east 7. Actor Pacino
- 8. Feline 9. Chinese dynasty 47. Used in combination 10. Short cries for help 12. Straits can sometimes be this
  - 16. Variety shows 17. Supernatural 20. A university in Connecticut
  - 22. Atomic #27 25. Of I
  - 26. We all have one 27. Religious guilds 29. This can sting 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew 36. Religious leader 37. Indigo bush 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father 43. Ray-finned fish genus 45. Morning 48. Straight line passing from side to side
- (abbr.) 50. S-shaped line 51. Small bunch of hay 53. Ripened
- 54. Crater on Mars 55. Humanities 57. Of the ears 58. To the \_\_ degree 59. Wood 61. Cools your home

#### **STUDENTS** from page 6

Students in fourth through eighth grades have been working completely online with the addition of traditional assignments and homework. For the middle school grades that means seeing each other and all of their subject teachers in alternating schedules over the course of the week. Associate Director Dawn Rudnansky, who also teaches math, is inspired daily by her students. "They continue to work on a rigorous pre algebra curriculum which will prepare them well for the next step in their math career," she said. "I certainly miss being in the classroom with my students but I am confident that they continue to work hard even through this tough situation. We start every class with a prayer where the students intentions have been a prayer for an end to the pandemic.'

Fourth and fifth-grade students meet with their teacher Chris Menard daily for an hour or so every morning. He's able to split them into groups to work on math and provide instruction for the rest of the day using a number of online platforms. Stacey Adams, mother of three children at St. Aloysius, has been very

complimentary about what teachers have been providing for her children. "I love hearing the giggles that come from my fifth-grader Anthony's time with his teacher and classmates each morning. Despite what we are all going through he's able to enjoy learning. He really looks forward to this daily routine."

Even "specials" teachers are providing students with a week's worth of optional lessons in art, music, Spanish and science exploration. "We heard that many parents are trying to keep a schedule for their children that would be like a typical week at school," said Acquaint. "For example, if they would have art on Tuesday, they try to provide a lesson then. So much of that makes St. Aloysius a great school is our emphasis on nature and the arts. We wanted to have these activities available if they wanted that."

The youngest members of the school community have not been left out. Pre-k teacher Jennifer McNally tested out online resources almost immediately and began reading the students books.

From there, she and another preschool teacher began posting a number of lessons online for parents to partake in. As well, they

and Danielle Benkert, a classroom aide, offer "Google meets" twice a week where they are able to continue with the unit studies they had as part of their curriculum. Last week, students learned about flowers. On the docket for this week is the Virgin

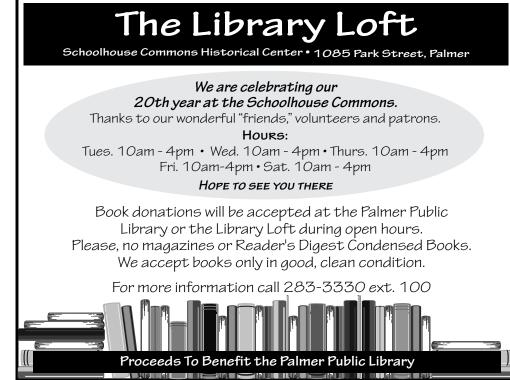
Mary and a chat about what our mothers and grandmothers mean to everyone. These young students have also been delighted to receive packets of fun in the mail, including their magazines, print offs and arts and craft supplies. Kim Carr, mother of pre-kindergartener Alek, is happy when these arrive. "They have been a great tool for Alek," she said. "He loves when they come in the mail. He is able to do his "work" alongside his older sister who is in

McNally and Benkert also took these packets on a "wave parade," and got a number of waves through the windows when they dropped off packets at students' homes. This week the teachers have also offered live chats with students. "It was nice to connect one on one. A pre-kindergartener read me an entire book this morning," McNally said.

"We know that the transition to home learning has not been easy, especially for parents or grandparents who are still working or are working from home. And for those parents who have children of different ages I can only imagine the difficulty in trying to supervise this whole process, keeping various schedules straight. I am a parent too and this new way of learning doesn't come without its struggles, but to know that we have dedicated teachers at our disposal for help has been instrumental," McQuaid said.

Uncertain times meant that the school did not reach its goal in the recent scholarship drive but as a thank you to parents, tuition rates will remain the same for the 2020/2021 school year for all families who are paid in

"With our match we came in at just under \$50,000, about 20,000 less than we had hoped. It's the first time we didn't get reach our goal and its understandable with all of the economic uncertainly," McQuaid said. "But keeping tuition rates where they were this year is the least we can do to support our families. We look forward to welcoming lots of new students to the school this fall. We truly are a family here at St. Aloysius, supporting one another through a tough situation and we are very blessed."



obituaries

### **public safety**

### Ware Police Log

#### Monday, April 27

10:27 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Barnes Street - Services Rendered

11:06 a.m. Harassment Complaint Ware Road - Referred to Other Agency

11:25 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Dale Street - Area Searched Negative Find

12:41 p.m. Trespassing Complaint East Main Street – Area

Searched Negative Find 3:14 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Services Rendered 3:29 p.m. Ambulance Request

Monson Turnpike Road - Services Rendered 4:04 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Investigation

Pending 8:21 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Monson Turnpike Road -Area Searched Negative Find

8:41 p.m. Disorderly Conduct Cottage Street – Area Searched Negative Find

9:17 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Monson Turnpike Road -Area Searched Negative Find

9:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road - Referred to Other Agency

#### Tuesday, April 28

11:15 a.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered

11:44 a.m. Fraud Sherman Hill Road – Services Rendered

11:51 a.m. Ambulance Malboeuf Road - Services 12:37 p.m. Ambulance Request

Monson Turnpike Road – Services 12:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity/

Person Beaver Lake Road -Services Rendered

12:59 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Otis Avenue – Services Rendered

3:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pleasant Street - Services Rendered

6:02 p.m. Silent, 911 Call Walter Drive - No Police Service Necessary

8:46 p.m. Disturbance West Main Street – Services Rendered

10:35 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street - Referred to Other

11:23 p.m. Ambulance Request Ware Street - Referred to Other

Wednesday, April 29 1:07 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – False Alarm

Sunday, April 26

Bridges Avenue - Investigated

3:16 p.m. Alarm, Commercial

7:59 a.m. Fire, Smoke

11:35 a.m. Complaint Main

11:51 a.m. Threats Southbridge

Summons: Hiram D. Rosario,

Assault with Dangerous Weapon

1:27 p.m. Breaking and

4:40 p.m. Neighbor Dispute

(To Wit, An Alleged Firearm);

Threat to Commit Crime (To Wit,

Entering Past Auto/Motor-Vehicle

Main Street - Officer Spoke to

Wednesday, April 29

Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Bemis

Emergency Coy Hill Road -

Thursday, April 30

Complaint Crescent Street -

Complaint Crescent Street -

12:08 a.m. Disturbance, Noise

12:32 a.m. Disturbance, Noise

1:53 p.m. Fire, Structure Spring

10:44 a.m. 911 Hang-up/

1:54 p.m. Fire, Medical

Murder); Disorderly Conduct

Keys Road – Report Filed

Road - Information Taken

Transported to Hospital

Officer Spoke to Party

Officer Spoke to Party

Investigation Main Street -

Street - Chief Will Call Back

Road – Investigated

38, Southbridge

Investigated

Warren Police Log

Main Street - No Police Service Necessary

9:23 a.m. Ambulance Request Boivin Avenue - Services

10:26 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint East Main Street -Services Rendered

3:13 p.m. Fraud Pleasant Street Services Rendered

4:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Belchertown Road -Unfounded Complaint

5:01 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Gilbertville Road - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

5:25 p.m. Fire, Report East Street – Referred to Other Agency

8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Citation Issued

8:57 p.m. Assault North Street – Services Rendered

11:04 p.m. Fire, Report West Street - No Police Service Necessary

11:06 p.m. Disturbance West Street - Services Rendered

11:31 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street - Services Rendered

Thursday, April 30

8:24 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered 11:27 a.m. Vandalism West

Street – Services Rendered 12:17 p.m. Harassment Complaint Palmer Road – Services

Rendered 4:05 p.m. Disturbance Palmer Road – Services Rendered

9:49 p.m. Harassment Complaint Fisherdick Road -Advised Civil Action

Friday, May 1

9:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Prospect Street - Services Rendered

10:08 a.m. Harassment Complaint West Street - Services Rendered

10:30 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

10:57 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint West Main Street -Services Rendered

12:12 p.m. Fraud Hillside Terrace – Services Rendered

1:02 p.m. Fire, Report Pleasant Street – Services Rendered

1:22 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Gilbertville Road Services Rendered

9:49 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call

Street – Fire Extinguished

Pine Street – Area Patrolled

Extinguished

2:59 p.m. Property Damage

6:09 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn

Cutler Road Extension - Fire

Friday, May 1

Misdial/Abandoned/Silent

Unknown - Services Rendered

11:31 a.m. 911 Hang-up/

6:10 p.m. Fire, Medical

6:11 p.m. Fire, Medical

6:37 p.m. Alarm Residential

7:29 p.m. Disturbance, Noise

8:51 p.m. Disturbance, Noise

9:06 p.m. Disturbance, Noise

11:51 p.m. Suspicious Activity

1:20 a.m. Disturbance, Noise

Arrest: Dustin M. Patrick, 34,

Harassment Prevention Order,

Emergency Old West Brookfield

Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Emergency Town Farm Road -

O'Neil Road - Officer Spoke to

Complaint Crescent Street -

Complaint Crescent Street -

Complaint Crescent Street – Report

South Street – Services Rendered

Saturday, May 2

Complaint Crescent Street -

Referred to Other Agency

Officer Spoke to Party

Officer Spoke to Party

Arrest(s) Made

Warren

Saturday, May 2

9:45 a.m. Welfare Check West Street – Investigated, Report Filed 3:02 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) South Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

5:36 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed 11:15 p.m. Disturbance Warebrook Drive - Services

11:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Berkshire Circle – Services Rendered

#### Sunday, May 3

1:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Arrest: Larry T. Atkins, 37, Chicopee

Rendered

License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With (Criminal Subsequent Charge); Stop for Police, Fail; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

1:22 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Main Street - Services Rendered

2:05 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Greenwich Road - Arrest,

Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Telmo J. Costa, 24, Ware OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent

Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation 10:22 a.m. Harassment Complaint Main Street - Services

Rendered 12:49 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street - Motor Vehicle

Accident Over \$1,000 1:39 p.m. Ambulance Request

Sygiel Road - Referred to Other Agency 2:50 p.m. Missing Person North

Street – Services Rendered 2:52 p.m. Trespassing Complaint North Street - Services Rendered

5:51 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Bondsville Road - Area

Searched Negative Find 6:13 p.m. Disturbance Pulaski Street – Investigation Pending

6:43 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Walker Road - Investigation Pending

#### Monday, May 4

12:50 a.m. Disturbance Pleasant Street – Services Rendered

3:53 a.m. Ambulance Request Wrin Street – Services Rendered 4:47 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Referred to Other Agency

> Editor's Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the informapect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court's final disposition.

Violate; Disturbing the Peace;

Arrest; Assault and Battery on a Police Officer 12:28 p.m. 911 Hang-up/

Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Unknown – Services Rendered

1:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Santos Road -Transported to Hospital 1:56 p.m. Neighbor Dispute

Brimfield Road – Officer Spoke to 9:39 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/

Abandoned/Silent Winthrop Terrace - Confirmed Misdial Sunday, May 3

12:02 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Summer Street -Negative Contact

Anna A. Kos

WARE - Anna A. (Ksen) Kos, age 98, formerly of Bondsville and Ware, passed away peacefully in her sleep, at the Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield, on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. She was born in Ware on Aug. 6, 1921, daughter of the late Joseph and Eleanora (Juras) Ksen.

She graduated from Ware High School. Anna was employed for many years as a cook for the former Monson Developmental Center, before her retirement. She was a communicant of the former St. Adalbert's Church, in South Belchertown, and St. Mary's Church, in Ware.

Anna leaves behind her last sister, Angela Ksen, in Michigan, and nieces and nephews. Besides her beloved parents, she was pre-deceased by her beloved husband, Edward, and her nine siblings: John, Robert, Henry,

#### **Death notices**

Aldridge, Jess L. Died May 2, 2020 Military Memorial Service May 16, 2020

Hills Funeral Home

Austin, Texas

Cook-Walden Chapel of the

Kos, Anna A. (Ksen) Died April 29, 2020 Burial service was private Cebula Funeral Home

Rudolph, Isabelle and Elizabeth Ksen, Genevieve Makosiey, Helen Kochanek and Dorothy Desforges.

Anna's burial service was private. Cebula Funeral Home, of Ware, was entrusted with her final arrangements. Please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com for more information and a guestbook.

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### Jesse Lee Aldridge

AUSTIN, TEXAS – Jesse Lee (Craig) Freeman, of Gaithersburg, Aldridge, Chief Master Sergeant Maryland, and Janice (Bobby)

retired, a resident of Austin for the past 41 years, passed away suddenly after a long illness on May 2, 2020, and was surrounded by his family. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on Dec. 27, 1940, the son of Jesse C. and Helen (Ouchi) Aldridge, both deceased. As a child, he lived on what is now

Waikiki Beach and remembered being in a tub covered by a mattress during the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Aldridge joined the United States Air Force in 1961 and met Patricia Ann Supczak in January 1963, while stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. They were married June 22, 1963, at All Saints Catholic Church in Ware, Massachusetts. The most important thing in his life was his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia, daughters Kimberly (Paul) Massaro, of Cedar Park, Lynn (James) O. Donnell III, and Tammy (Julian) Partridge, both of Austin, and son, Jesse (Sherrie) Aldridge Jr., of Dripping Springs.

He enjoyed being with his grandchildren Nicole and Alex Massaro, James IV, Joseph and Mary O. Donnell, Colin, Hailey and Emily Partridge and Jesse (Trey) III and Megan Aldridge. (Dixon) Aldridge, of Memphis, Tennessee, William (Karen) Scroggs, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Ricki Aldridge, of

Compton, Kathi (Banks) Drennan, Terri Lowe, all

of South Carolina, and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Donnie, and sister, Judy, predeceased him. Aldridge attended public schools in South Carolina and Maryland,

graduating from Baltimore City College High School prior to enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. Initially a jet engine mechanic, he later crosstrained to become an outstanding First Sergeant, receiving First Sergeant of the year awards several times at Bergstrom Air Force

Base, in Austin, and Soesterberg Air Base, in the Netherlands. Aldridge retired in 1987 with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, the highest non-commissioned officer rank in the Air Force. In his 27 years of service he had remote tours in Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam (three times), and tours in the Philippines, The Netherlands, stateside in Massachusetts, Florida, South Dakota, New Mexico and Texas, before settling

During his military career Aldridge earned the following: Meritorious Service Medal with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, Good Surviving siblings are Walter Conduct Marksman Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with Clinton, South Carolina, Dottie One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster,

in Austin.

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National Defense Medal, Air Force Overseas Service Long Tour Ribbon and Short Tour Ribbon with Two Bronze Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Training Ribbon. Aldridge also earned the Vietnam Service Medal with Three Bronze Service Stars, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation. Air Force Expeditionary Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After military retirement, Aldridge obtained his bachelor of arts degree in social psychology from Park College in 1998. He went on to work for the Lago Vista Pro Shop and later managed the Bar K Golf Course prior to his second retirement. He was a master woodwork craftsman and made beautiful furniture for his family and doll houses for his granddaughters.

At his request, he was cremated. A military memorial service will be held on May 16, at 2 p.m., at Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home, 9700 Anderson Mill Road, in Austin. His remains will be buried in the Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church Cemetery in Ware, Massachusetts with a commitment service at a later date.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that people spend time with their family as that what was important to him or make a donation to Heroes Night Out -Veteran Resource Center, 1150 S. Bell Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613 or the charity of their choice.

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Friday, May 1

1:45 a.m. Phone – Alarm Ridge Road - Checked/Secured

4:24 p.m. Phone – Alarm Main Street - Building Checked/

Saturday, May 2

9:37 a.m. 911 - Suspicious Activity Upper Church Street -Negative Contact

10:01 p.m. 911 - Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations Pine Street - Negative Contact

#### Sunday, May 3 12:15 p.m. 911 - Medical Emergency Barre Road -

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### **DRIVERS** from page 8

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#### WARE **CONSERVATION COMMISSION Legal Notice**

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm pursuant t the Westland Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Shawn and Angelique Crevier for construction of a barn w/in 100' of a BVW at Malboeuf Rd. (Parcel 6-0-8), Ware, MA 01082. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware MA. 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: http// masspublicnotices.org 5/07/2020

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distance and left the bags with them," said DeMars. "Everyone was smiling and talking to us from a distance, with some waving from their windows. Several of them told us we made their day."

HARDWICK – It is with regret,

but with an abundance of caution, that

the Tri-Parish Community Church

annual Plant, Bake, Tag, and Craft

Sale, originally scheduled for May

30 and 31, has been cancelled for this

year. The annual event will be back

the first weekend in June 2021, and

This event is typically held the

we hope to see everyone then.

**SURPRISE** from page 1

She said it was important to recognize the parents as well as many of them have taken on a role that is a difficult one – not just being a parent but being a teacher as well. And many of them working at their regular jobs as well, whether they are doing so at home or as an essential worker.

'We wanted parents to know that we are thinking of them and we appreciate everything they're doing,"

She and her staff are missing the students and the energy they bring. "They fuel our energy, being around them and interacting with them, and we miss them all," she said.

She said about every two weeks until the end of school another group of students and parents will be recog-

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It was a rainy day for the first delivery of supplies to "star" students and Dunkin' Donut gift cards, while observing social distancing.

#### **WATER** from page 1

ed to operate the new system and the rest of the water system.

The only piece holding up a new application for a USDA grant is the town's audit, which still needs to be completed. "If it's advantageous to be in line then we should get our act together and get everything in," said SelectBoard member Tracy Opalinski. Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he would follow up with the auditors. He said they were done with the town portion of the audit and had to finish the audit of the School Department.

There was a brief discussion of bypassing the cistern, which is thought to be the sources of much of the iron and manganese, temporarily until the plant could be built. The problem is that the cistern and the wells are right near a wetland, and wetlands are a source of iron and manganese. Protasowicki said even with bypassing the cistern, the four wells could eventually provide more iron and manganese. Whitney asked him to consult the firms hydrogeologists about whether an estimate could be made on how long it would before the wells might have those minerals.

"It if buys some time for two years while we're building this, that would be great," he said. "If it's going to give us 30 days, then maybe not."

Whitney asked that a list of steps be created for the next selectmen's meeting to show what has to be done and when it has to be done so the process can keep moving forward.

Kruckas said since St. George-Sorel instituted the flushing of the lines twice a year, the water has dramatically improved overall. "It's nothing like it was," he said of the town water, adding when the process wasn't followed for a number of years it made the situation with iron and manganese worse.

#### **TERESA'S** from page 3

offering Italian dishes, pizzas and American fare such as prime rib on the weekends.

It didn't take long before residents of Ware and surrounding communities learned they could find homemade cooking at the restaurant, from veal and chicken dishes, seafood, steaks, pizza and grinders, all made with the freshest of ingredients.

These days they are creating takeout meals, and the community is supporting them throughout these difficult times, he said. "We're hanging in there," he said. They are open for take-out during the week from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on weekends. They also offer curbside delivery and pick-up, he said.

They not only added to the menu over the years, but added a banquet room that seats up to 200 people, in addition to the restaurant, which seats between 170 and 180 people.

It remains a family affair, with the original brothers, Joseph, Mario and Claudio, being joined by their sons, Joseph, Claudio and Frankie, these days. "The new generation will be taking over pretty soon, and they're all working here learning the business," he said. The sons have been coming

to the restaurant since they were very young, and have been absorbing the business as they grew up.

'We all do everything here," he said. "We cook, we are very hands-on about everything. Our business shows that hard work does pay off."

Other Ferrentino family members have also gone into the restaurant business, opening their own places and getting advice from their brothers, he

Teresa's continues to use the freshest of ingredients in making its variety of meals, something customers have come to depend upon. "Our sauces are made daily," he said.

"My favorite part of this business is to actually watch people enjoy the food we have created for them, and for them to compliment us on our food, that makes us feel good," he said.

They have also given back to the Western Mass community during the COVID-19 environment, donating platters of food to hospital workers at Baystate's Mary Lane and Wing hospitals as well as Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

more than happy to help them out," he

Although they have worked hard loyal customers, who have supported



Teresa's Restaurant, which turns 40 this week, has been a popular place for couples and families to share homemade Italian and American meals.

"They can always call on us, we're to make their dream come true, they credit their customers with building their business. "Our dedicated and

us through good times and in bad, made the American Dream come true for our family, and for that we are truly and sincerely grateful," he said.

#### **REOPENING** from page 1

#### Problem dogs

Animal Control Officer Sydney Plante told selectmen during their Tuesday meeting that two dogs, who have previously been considered problematic, escaped their owners and bit a neighbor recently.

The dogs of Jesse and Jennifer Baker, recently escaped from their owners and the larger one was not wearing a muzzle when it was outside, allowing it to bite the neighbor, she said.

The dogs have been a problem previously, particularly the larger one, and has attacked other dogs and their owners walking through the neighborhood and was the subject of a dog hearing where it was agreed the dogs would be muzzled and on leashes at all times. Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney said Plante

should try to find out exactly where the dogs are as the Bakers have said they have been given to someone else outside of the town. Town Manager Stuart Beckley said it is against state law to move a dangerous dog to another town without notifying both the town it was in and the new town. No notification has been officially made to the town by the Bakers, according to Beckley.

"They didn't do what they said they were going to do and now we can't trust what they tell us," Whitney

Selectmen directed her to find out where the dog are and proceed with a dog hearing on the second,

smaller dog. The neighbor who was bit, although the bite did not break the skin, does not want to be involved in a dog hearing, but he did make a police report about the incident. Selectmen asked Plante to find out if she could use the police report as the basis of proceeding with a hearing.



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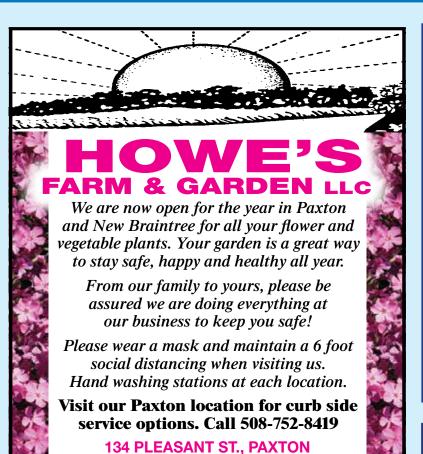
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